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Dear Elliot Ikilei

## Official Information Act Requests

Thank you for your request for information under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act), dated 17 January 2019, requesting:

"any communication [that] has been conducted between the Ministry of Justice, including the office of Andrew Little, and any member of the judiciary, regarding the consideration of home detention sentencing with prison population numbers/limitation as part of that consideration"

Your request has been interpreted to include information from 27 October 2017, the date on which Andrew Little's appointment as Minister of Justice became effective.

A thorough search of the Ministry of Justice's records has failed to locate any information within the scope of your request. As such, your request is being refused under section 18(e) of the Act – that "the information requested does not exist or, despite reasonable efforts to locate it, cannot be found".

You have the right under section 28(3) of the Official Information Act to complain to the Office of the Ombudsman about the decisions in relation to your request. Any complaint must be in writing. Contact details for the Ombudsman's office are:

Office of the Ombudsman PO Box 10152 Wellington

Yours sincerely

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**Ministry of Justice**